

a number of products in the market which have similarity with brand leaders in the market, in terms of packaging as well as phonetic similarity in names. However, manufacture for sale of these products cannot be treated as illegal in terms of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act & Rules.

Since these preparations are mainly non-prescription items, are used as external application for rendering symptomatic relief and contain ingredients like menthol, camphur (karpur), thymol, turpentine, turpentine oil, nutmeg oil, pudina ka phool etc., they are not expected to cause any health hazards.

Enforcement of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act & Rules thereof is done by the State Drug Control Authorities. The Drug Controller (India) has advised the State Drug Controllers to take the following measures for curbing the incidence of fake drugs:

- (a) Constitution/reactivation of State Drug Advisory Committees.
- (b) Establishment of separate intelligence-cum-legal machinery with policy assistance.
- (c) Surveillance of suspected dealers.
- (d) Engaging experienced counsel for fighting spurious drug cases.
- (e) Cooperation of Pharmaceutical Industry by regular interaction with them.
- (f) Collection of Survey sample under National Survey Quality Evaluation of Drug (NSQED) programme.

Production of Steel

†*536. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of steel in the country during the last three years, year-wise
- (b) whether it is a fact that the production of steel in the country has decreased in comparison to its requirement;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) the measures being taken to increase the production of steel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) The production of finished steel in the country during the last three years was as below:

Year	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
Production	23.82	26.71	29.70

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Government have taken several steps to increase the production of steel, such as modernisation and expansion of public sector steel plants, adoption of various policy measures to encourage creation of additional steel production capacity in the private sector. Indian Steel Producers have also been taking continuous steps to meet the domestic requirements of steel including up-gradation of technology, improvement in productivity and yields, improvement in quality of products and adoption of the product-mix to suit the requirements of the consumers.

Facilities for Treatment of Cancer in Gujarat

***537. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons suffering from cancer in Gujarat;

(b) the particulars of Government and non-Government hospitals available for treatment there;

(c) whether these hospitals are equipped with all kinds of instruments to diagnose the exact symptoms of cancer;

(d) if not, to which hospital the patients are referred to; and

(e) the action taken by Government on the representation submitted by Navjivan Cancer Seva Mandal, Rajkot on 16th October, 1999?